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## THE BIG BULL.

**Mr. Vanderbilt Talks Freely About Railroad Stocks.**

Confidence Has Been Restored and Prices Will Continue to Advance—The Rock Island's Withdrawal.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.  
New York, February 7.—William B. Vanderbilt was reading the newspapers and his correspondence in his library last evening when asked about the truth of a dispatch from Philadelphia dated at the office of the railroad involved, that he had been buying Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad stock, and had at length secured control of the road, with the object of merging it with the Reading and New Jersey Central system, and thus forming the greatest coal combination in the country. "Well," replied Mr. Vanderbilt, with a quiet smile, "it is news to me. I have not sought control of the road."

"The dispatch says that it is not so the better is that some sort of arrangement is to be made by the other roads with the Lackawanna. That is something I know nothing about."

"You doubtless saw the announcement that R. R. Cable, president of the Rock Island Railroad, had given the required thirty days' notice of withdrawal from the Northwestern Traffic Association?"

"Yes, and I do not see that any reason is given for it. I look upon that step as a bear move. It is surprising that such a move should be made from the presidency of the Rock Island Road to make room for Mr. Cable. The change was without the knowledge of the largest stockholders and was entirely within the management. I am in the road."

**THE LARGEST STOCKHOLDER**  
In the road, the certainly know nothing about it. No road has a better map at its disposal than the Rock Island. It is I suppose, from its extreme modesty, which I know to be characteristic of him, that he does not desire to be characterized as a stockholder. Mr. Vanderbilt would not do things that other persons would. In his railroad men had his highest confidence. I never heard of an opposition line saying anything against him here to his credit. I heard during the railroad troubles in the Northwest a year ago, Mr. Cable told H. J. Porter of the Chicago road, determined to try to make properties in the Northwest worthless. Speaking of the Rock Island's withdrawal, I think the other roads will protect themselves. I think I can say that the Northwestern Road's course will be consistent and the stockholders will be the judges of the Rock Island's action."

"Some importance has been attached to the withdrawal of the managers of the Rock Island lines and their western connections. How do you look on the situation?"

"There is going to be no trouble."

"How do you regard the upward movement in stocks?"

"It is going to last. There is no reason for their going up as low as they have been. There is plenty of money in the market. There is less than the people have any idea of. When people come to look for three or four stocks they will not find them in Wall street. You have no conception of how stocks are distributed. Take the instance of the New York Central Railroad. It has 5,000,000 shares, and a large number of whom have from 25 to 500 shares. I have the same stock I held two years ago, and."

**I AM GOING TO KEEP IT.**  
My money is in a few things and not in 400 or 500. Now for the past two weeks I have been buying. Who ever heard of such a thing as Lake Shore going up 50 cents and 50 cents? It was a 6 per cent, but it is earning it. Look at Northwestern, its last dividend for the year in five months, is the New York Central worth any less now than when it was selling at 81 1/2? It was worth 8 per cent, and it is earning 12 1/2 per cent. It is worth as much as New York Central stocks. It is not a question of the year in five months, but of the government. We must have railroads. What is the government to do with a quantity of securities? The government pays only 4 per cent on its bonds. The New York Central pays 5 and 6 per cent. If the government should not last, although I expect it will, it would make no difference with the railroads. They will continue to be operated. I do not speak of the New York Central, but of the railroads. The railroads have become so important that they are a part of the people themselves. Look at some stock that are not quoted at all. Take the Boston and Albany, the New York, New Haven and Hartford, and the Harlem. They are unchanged. Few shares may be offered in a month. If you do not want the ten shares, Dick does. Suppose a person wants more than the New York Central, and see the train go by every day. He will take as much interest in it as in his horse, or his cow, and I'll guarantee that he'll say that the road."

**MUST BE MAKING MONEY.**  
He will want to have some of its securities. If he were to see a road in the hands of a lot of thieves who were going to run away with what was put in it he would want to have something to do with it. There are some roads of that kind in this country."

"Do you think public confidence is returning?"

"I think things have taken on a different aspect. I believe to be restored. People can come here to buy securities and such go home and feel secure. They are not afraid. I am told that they sold their governments and put the money in the bank. That will show you the condition things were in. The bears are now not afraid to it. It is the steady advance which restores confidence, and that is half accomplished. Every day creates a better feeling."

"Then you regard the outlook as promising?"

"My opinion is that from this time all good dividend-paying stocks will have confidence generally. There may be temporary exceptions to this, but, as a rule, it will prevail. Put aside all the theories of the day that have existed for the past few months has been a good thing. People have stood by and seen values go down. The losses have, to a great extent, fallen where they could be endured, and people are beginning to see that there is no danger in investing at the low prices at present prevailing for all kinds of property. Thoughtful men always look at these things and are not one to be deceived by such things which all finally reach."

Ellis, who was behind the bar, did not recognize her as she entered the saloon to the "Polly" on stairs. She asked for account to Mrs. Ellis. Her name, if it was head, mechanically answered "yes," and it was for Billy after Mrs. Martin had passed up stairs. Remembered that he ought to have again, but Mrs. Martin hurried into the bar-room with certain the Minnie was lying asleep in the crib, and vision by Mrs. Ellis. The mother rushed to the little form, started out of the house, and shawl belonged to Mrs. Ellis. The latter who too much surprised to interfere and Mrs. Martin had gained the street. Then she rushed after her, shouting "Stop there!" In the street she was met by Mrs. Lynch, who kept her back until Mrs. Martin had entered the back with her child. Time Mrs. Lynch hastily sprang into the vehicle, which was rapidly driven away. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis at first did not know what to do. They feared the when he returned from New York and learned that had happened in his absence. They telephoned to the Police Headquarters to have the carriage stopped, and received answer that it could not be done unless some charge of felony could be brought against Mrs. Martin. Mrs. Ellis, however, betroug herself of the shawl and made a charge of petit larceny. On this complaint an officer was dispatched to overtake the fugitives, and it was found them in the waiting room of the Pennsylvania landing, waiting for the 11 o'clock boat for Bristol. The officer arrested Mrs. Martin, and now, standing her tears and protestations, collected her to go with him to Justice before Justice Kullman, where Mr. and Mrs. Ellis were waiting them. The justice detained her until midnight, when Mr. Martin arrived. The justice then opened Mrs. Martin's eyes. Mrs. Ellis stated that she had preferred the charge of petit larceny only to prevent Mrs. Martin from leaving the island with the child. She now withdrew the complaint. Mr. Martin demanded that little Minnie be returned to him. The poor woman, STILL CLASPING HER CHILD

In her arms, begged hard to be allowed to retain it, but the justice told her that she would have to give up the child, and upon her refusing to do so ordered the constable present to take it from her. The painful scene ensued. Mother and daughter clung to each other desperately, and when the officer finally wrested the little girl from its mother's arms and handed her over to a nurse and crying to the father the poor woman was seized with a violent fit of hysterics. Mrs. Martin's husband, who was standing by, rushed the inmates of the hotel. Mr. Martin took his child home, where it is now being more carefully guarded by Mr. and Mrs. Ellis. Mrs. Martin remained in the hotel all night and was seen on Staten Island yesterday morning. After that it is not known what became of her.

## FUN AHEAD.

**An Impudent Colored Boot Black—Picking His Associates.**

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.  
STAMFORD, February 7.—"Professor" Dudley combines the trade of a boot black with the dress and profession of a dupe. He is a negro, black as ebony with a cautious mouth and a large spread of nose, and boasts of pure African blood. Just at present he figures in Stamford as a defrauder of negro rights. His appearance at a masked ball recently caused no little disturbance, when he caused Dudley's ire, and a few friends spurred him on to no end.

**ASSAULTS ON HIS RIGHTS.**  
Another ball masque was held in the Town Hall on Monday night, and it was attended by nearly 1,000 persons. No one noticed two persons at the bar, Oscar Wilde and Uncle Sam. Who entered the hall and mixed with the dancers. At about midnight, when the time came to unmask, Uncle Sam and Oscar Wilde were dancing with white partners. When they removed their masks, the were screams in the hall. Dudley's partner nearby flared. The other negro, Henry Carpenter, became alarmed for his safety.

**AND LEFT IN A HURRY.**  
Dudley was ejected by the managers. He demanded his money back, but did not get it. Dudley is about town describing the quality of the dancing of his white partners, who feel terribly disgraced. He has been complaining, and informed his friends that he could not attend any more public entertainments. Dudley has determined to attend several local entertainments yet to come, and it looks now as though there was fun ahead.

## CLARA BELDEN DEAD.

**The Actress' Death at Bellevue Hospital Due to Alcoholism to Anemia.**

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.  
NEW YORK, February 7.—Mrs. Clara Belden, the actress, whose stage name was Clara Belden, died at Bellevue Hospital at 5 o'clock last evening. Dr. Wakeman said that death was undoubtedly due to alcoholism. The deceased was a native of St. Louis, and came from a good family. She had exhibited signs of insanity for a long time, but recently grew so violent that her friends had her removed from her lodgings, at No. 175 Broadway, to the hospital. She was the wife of a Theodorica editor. She became intimated with the stage at an early age and became an actress.

## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Edward S. Tobey was on Wednesday appointed postmaster at Boston, Mass.

The extra session of the Texas Legislature adjourned on Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. W. Humphreys killed Leo Caruthers at Frontpoint, Ind., on Wednesday night.

In Toledo, Ohio, on Wednesday night, Mrs. Mary Bace, aged 70, hanged herself in a fit of melancholia.

Another electric girl, Mattie Lee Price, hailing from Sullboro, Barrow County, Ga., has made her appearance.

The Austrian Railway Companies have been forbidden to carry explosives without permission of a Government officer.

Among the physicians of Albany, N. Y., a society upholding the old code of ethics as opposed to the new was organized.

In New York City on Wednesday several drivers of the United States mail wagons were arrested for cruelty to animals.

The New York Legislature on Monday passed the bill making twelve hours a day's work for street railroad conductors and drivers.

Kate Gillis, a young woman of Dubuque, Iowa, charged with murdering her babe, was on Tuesday sentenced to two months' imprisonment.

The establishment of a land mortgage bank, backed by the Government, is projected in the north of Ireland to assist occupiers of soil to become owners.

As the Duke of Albany was leaving a public hall in Berlin, England, on Tuesday night, a man in the crowd threw a quart of beer at him. The man escaped.

The Academy of Medicine, of France, has with one dissenting voice pronounced in favor of a repeal of the prohibition of the importation of American pork.

The extensive furniture factory of Crossman & Kinaster, at Albion, Pa., was burned up on Wednesday night. Five persons were killed and many others injured.

The pork dealers of the New York Provision Exchange on Wednesday adopted a resolution that hereafter all pork coming from Chicago shall be reinspected before exported.

A story comes from South Carolina to the effect that cotton factors charge borrowers 31 per cent, and require them to secure payment of the loan by a mortgage of everything they possess.

Members of the geographical societies of Munich, Hamburg, Berlin and Vienna attended the funeral services in St. Louis, on Wednesday, of the victims of the Jeannette Arctic expedition.

At Mansfield, La., on Wednesday evening, the jury in the case of the Jeannette brothers, on trial for murder, found Ned Jenkins guilty and sentenced him to death.

W. B. Thorneil, alias Raymond Hope, wanted at Colorado Springs, Col., for forgery and embezzlement of \$5,000, was brought here to stand trial from Seattle, Washington Territory, on Wednesday.

Capt. John Sargent of the steamer Hesper, on Monday shot and killed six eagles on the coast of Alaska, at Hottel Fork, on the Sunflower river, and a shooting appears to have been necessary to prevent a serious explosion.

In Trenton, N. J., on Wednesday night, 200 people witnessed the system of catch for the championship of the State between Frank Collins and John Seede. Seede opened the 200 yards in 2 minutes and 20 seconds and won the match.

A construction train on the Chesapeake & Ohio, between Wheeling and Farmer's Station, Ky., ran into another, containing twenty "silver" section hands, on Wednesday. Five were killed and fifteen wounded. The conductor was seriously injured.



























